

**OFFICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE
BUSINESS REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**HATTIESBURG POLICEMEN'S
BENEFIT FUND, INC.**

Respondent

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) **Administrative Proceeding**
) **Number: C-08-0084**
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CONSENT AGREEMENT

I.

The Business Regulation and Enforcement Division of the Mississippi Secretary of State ("Division") having the authority to administer and to provide for the enforcement of all provisions of the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act ("Act"), and the Hattiesburg Policemen's Benefit Fund, Inc. ("Respondent") do hereby enter into this Consent Agreement in resolution of the following allegations by the Division of violations of the Act:

1. Respondent is a "charitable organization" as defined by Miss. Code Ann. Section 79-11-501(a)(1) (2001) of the Act;
2. Respondent was previously registered with the Division;
3. Respondent's registration lapsed on August 23, 2002;
4. On March 19, 2008, Respondent submitted an incomplete registration application, which application was received by the Division on March 24, 2008;
5. The registration application did not contain a notarized statement of solicitation activity as required by Mississippi Charities Act Rule 205(E);
6. Respondent solicited in Mississippi during the period of non-registration; and
7. Respondent knowingly violated the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. Section 79-11-503 by soliciting while unregistered.

II.

Respondent, under the terms of this Consent Agreement and solely for the purpose of resolving the foregoing allegations, stipulates without a hearing to the matters set forth above in Paragraph I and hereby consents to the issuance of this Consent Agreement and further consents to and agrees to the undertakings contained herein, with no formal administrative hearing and determination of wrongdoing. Furthermore, the undersigned agent for the Respondent acknowledges that she/he has been lawfully vested with the authority to enter into this Consent Agreement on behalf of the Respondent.

III.

THEREFORE, in consideration of a final resolution of the matters set forth herein, the Division and Respondent hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Respondent stipulates to the jurisdiction of the Division as to all matters contained herein under the authority of the Act and acknowledges that the issuance of this Consent Agreement is solely for the purpose of resolving the matters set forth herein.
2. The Division shall impose a penalty upon the Respondent in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). Respondent shall remit payment to the Division, payable to the "Mississippi Secretary of State" upon execution of this Agreement.
3. This Consent Agreement is in resolution of the matters contained herein. As a result of this Consent Agreement, these matters cannot be used as a basis for action by the Division except in determining any penalty as may be imposed by the Division for any future violations of the Act committed by the Respondent and as set forth below.
4. Respondent agrees to comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act as currently in effect or as may be subsequently amended.

IV.

In the event Respondent fails or neglects to comply with any of the terms, stipulations or undertakings set forth in this Consent Agreement, the Division may, without notice to the

Respondent, unilaterally rescind this Agreement and institute any legal or administrative proceedings it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, proceedings to address the matters set forth in this Consent Agreement.

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.
Secretary of State

By: MK Thomas
MELANIE K. THOMAS
Senior Attorney

Date: May 19, 2008

HATTIESBURG POLICEMEN'S BENEFIT FUND, INC.

By: Keith Crawford
Sign Name

Print Name: Keith Crawford

Title: President

Date: 5/27/08

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